

Rule 1920.16*(a) Bifurcation

(1) Where a claim for equitable distribution, alimony or counsel fees and expenses is pending, a decree of divorce or annulment shall not be entered prior to filing of the master's report on equitable distribution, alimony or counsel fees except by agreement of the parties.

(2) Where the action is ready for the entry of a decree of divorce or annulment, but bifurcation is opposed, the court, upon application, shall enter an order substantially in the form prescribed by Bucks County Rule of Civil Procedure 1920.72*(e) so as to proceed with the resolution of all pending claims for alimony, equitable distribution of property, counsel fees and expenses.